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go, only that he's rather an invalid. And my aunt—that's his sister—she's for this service are the finest that have ever a very good sort, too. Considered rather een turned out by the Pullman Company This season's schedule will be the fastes swagger in the way of looks. And and most convenient eyer operated between there's the river close to our place, and Eastern cities and the resorts of the South. The Florida Limited will leave Broad there'll be one or two people staying there; and, altogether, if you didn't Street Station daily, except Sunday, at 2.36 P. M. and arrive at Jacksonville at 1.10 P. M. and St. Augustine 2.20 P. M. Write to mind, Burleigh"-"Tell you what," I said, in rather a Jno. M. Beall, District Passenger Agent, 828 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, for further smuggle in a tin of sardines, and I'll ask my people to let me come to you information and advance Pullman reserva for a week or so. Will you try?"

Cough, Rheumatist Colds, Neuralgia, Croup, Toothache.

"I think you'll find it pretty lively," aid Gurdon. "What age is your aunt?" I said.

heir minds."

utting a bolb of pomatum on that essed tuft of hair that gives me more vorry than anything else in the world. "Oh, I don't know" said Gurdon. The usual age. One tin of sardines ou said. I think?"

"Like a shot!" said little Gurdon

"Mind," I said, "if I'm bored I shall

unk off home. I know what country

ouses can be when they've made up

Gurdon's

I was at home in Kensington for from Paddington down to Gurdon's he said that he thought that about deep scheme in hand, and was arrangplace. My mother saw me off at the twice that age was nearer the mark. bout a fortnight, and then I went station, and there, of course, she must needs give me away by kissing me and telling me to be a good boy. It's one thing to be kissed by women folks in the house; it's quite another thing to be slobbered over in public. A brownfaced man with a beard was getting in-

to a smoking compartment (name on his portmanteau, warde), and if he had laughed I should have asked him what he jolly well meant by it. Fortunately for him, he didn't. I mention this chap to introduce him

into this story. He was a decent looking fellow, and when (at Westbourne Park) I changed into the smoking compartment, I found out in the course of the journey that he was going to the question?"
Gurdons' place. He hadn't very much "I have n to say for himself, but I'm rather good at conversation, and I talked nearly all the way down to Taplow, and told him

what I though of several things. "Burleigh," said little Gurdon, ex fully glad to see you! I've been afraid nave lot of calls on his time, I know,

Mr. Ward said that his boat had ar-Original plan for boarding students in Private Homes for \$3.50 a Week. Money saved here. Write to any citizen, or any minister of any denomination in Wilmington about Goldey College. Graduates aided to positions. Self-Suport quickly given through our Short Courses. Send for Enrollment Blank. Seats in demand. Burleigh, said little Gurdon, proudly. "Never heard him speak on foreign politics, I s'pose?"

"Mr. Warde, as he stepped up into Seats in demand.

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H. S. GOLDEY, Principal of Goldey Wilmington Commercial and Shorthand College, Wilmington, Del. the trap, confessed that he had not been so fortunate.

you've got a treat in store!" I was a little disappointed on arrivng at the house to find that Gurdon's governor, who was lying on a couch. did not make quite so much fuss over me as little Gurdon had done, and that he seemed on very friendly terms with on, and presently through the trees on put some fresh scent on my handkerchief; and then the aunt came in. and when she put in an appearance I forgot everything else. Sounds an ex travagant thing to say, I know, but she was absolutely the most charming

my existence. She shook hands with Mr. Warde in rather a reserved way, and said, without looking at him, that she hoped he had had a pleasant voyage home. Hesaid that any voyage would have been pleasant which brough him nearer Taplow, and upon this he glanced at Gur don's father, who was watching them both rather keenly, and then turned to

girl I had ever seen in all the course o

"You are the statesman, Mr. Burleigh, at your school, aren't you?"

"I know something about public affairs," I said.

"My dear little sister." said Gur- and asked if I wasn't enjoying myself, · . . . Aunt visitors.' HEN little Gurdon

asked me to spend dear." "Warde," said Gurdon's father, came out and spoke to me, and I felt vacation with his people I was She will always have her own way." "I've noticed that," said Mr. Warde, hand. Excepting me, of course. looking at her. to think it was a piece of "impu-

dence on his part

plained that it was because he had said

so much in his letters about my speeches

in the School Debating Society that his

"My gov'nor isn't a bad sort," urged

father had sent the invitation.

"Whose way should I have but my own?" she asked, cheerfully, "Mr. I suppose little Burleigh, take me into the dining-Diseases often lurk in the blood before Gurdon must have seen what was in room; Mr. Warde, you can follow with Bob. my mind, for he apologized, and ex-

"With all that, she's the best young oman in the world."

"That fact also," said Mr. Warde not strong." (and I thought it was rather a bit of cheek on his part to say it), "that fact also has not escaped my observation." little Gurdon modestly, "as gov'nor's At table Gurdon's aunt let me sit next to her, and I talked away a good

deal, and little Gurdon said afterward that he considered I was in very good form. I asked little Gurdon how old he thought his aunt was, and it turned out that she was close upon twenty-five. I was rather disappointed to find that she was so old, but, thinking it over on burst of generosity, "you run out and the way down to the river, I could see that years were nothing providing If it was my case, I should simply go hearts were right, and if she didn't to him, and I should say, 'Look here.' mind waiting until I left school, why, I should say"there was no reason why I shouldn't was walking with little Gurdon down you mind if I tell you that you have to the boathouse (having first made her | much to learn yet?"

brother quite comfortable on a long basket-chair looking onto the lawn), and quickly, "Besides, I Don't go, Burleigh here does not know," He I was with Warde. Warde seemed Miss Gurdon, I like talking to you." the kind of chap who improves an acquaintance, and he had traveled a good deal, and if it hadn't been that he was rather too attentive to Gurdon's aunt married, and whether he thought sev- which one of the men was taking to enteen or eighteen was too young, and the postoffice, that Mr. Warde had a

twice that age was nearer the mark. "What," I asked, "thirty odd?" "About that," said Mr. Warde

calmly. "Ridiculous!" I said. I felt annoyed. Wby, a man could fall in love over age.

"That's the idea," remarked Mr. know his own mind." "Should'nt think it would be worth the most effective way possible.

knowing." I said sharply. "What do you think of Gurdon's aunt?" He we were all on the lawn. Mr. Gurdon looked at me rather inquisitively be- had been brought out on his invalidfore he replied,

not on very friendly terms with each the following day, and what other," He seemed amused at this, and clapatall. I looked at Gurdon's aunt, in

ped me on the shoulders in a very cheer- her white serge dress and I told myself sitedly, when we stepped out, I'm aw- ful way, as though he was rather glad to that what I was about to do was for hear it. When at the riverside near her good, and that quieted any comomething might happen to prevent the trees Gurdon's aunt and little Gur- punction that I may have had in doing you from coming. Man like you must don caught us up, it was decided that Warde should scull, that little Gurand-Hello, Mr. Wardel Is that you? don should steer, and that I should sit Didn't know you were coming by this next to Gurdon's aunt!

"The hamper!" cried Gurdon's aunt Miss Gurdon and Mr. Warde? I have suddenly.

We had all forgotten it. Off little rived rather earlier than was expected.
"Let me introduce you to my friend Gurdon and I p lted, found it, and started down to the riverside again, And here comes the important part of this story, and I want you to read more carefully, if you don't mind.

I let little Gurdon carry the hampe himself the second part of the way "Ah," said little Gurdon, fervenly, across the fields; for one thing it was very heavy, and for another, I wanted to get back and listen to her voice (I'm not sure whether I told you what a pleasant quiet way of talking she had. No wonder her brother liked her to be near him on his bad days.). I hurried Mr. Warde. But I had a wash and the edge of the river I saw them in the boat waiting. I crept up and listened. "The doctor says that he cannot last

much longer," I heard her say. "I scarcely know whether to be glad"

days whife your nephew and this other ought to know." youngster are here." of earnestness.

"I bet you as much as a penny, dear of anything." girl," he said, "that I elope with you before you are many days older."

Victorian and no longer fashionable.

"He has used argument after argudon't father, patting her cheeks, "don't and I told him sharply to mind his own ment, I am sorry to say, and I happen worry yourself about your helpless nui- business. He seemed rather annoyed to know that he has telegraphed to sance of a brother. Lyk atter the at this, and went over to Warde, who London to make arrangements for explained to him with matches how the them both to remain a few days there "I am also going to look after you, Egyptian troops were managed in the next week." last affair. I cheered up when she

'she's a most obstinate young woman, sare Warde or anybody else in the world was quite unworthy to touch her "Have you any brothers or sisters,

> Master Burleigh?" I wished she had called me Sidney, but I didn't dare ask her to do so.

"I'm the only one, Miss Gurdon." "You don't know what it is to care for one's brother very much then? It is my great serrow that my brother is "Still," I said, "he can't expect you

"Yes," she said simply, "he can." She looked through the French win-

o nurse him all his life, can he?'

"Rather a tie, surely, Miss Gurdon," I said. "Doesn't it sometimes get jolly

"Not at all," she answered quickly. Since Mrs. Gurdon died it has been ny duty to look after bim."

"It's a part I shouldn't care to play

"Master Butleia"." she said, placing make her an offer without delay. She her hand lightly on my shoulder. "Do

"I'm not so sure about that," I said

"I must see to my brother."

Bother your brother!" I thought. "Chap's a nuisance." I wasn't feeling on the best of terms I dare say I could have stood him with anybody, and it therefore rather it from her useless and tiresom fairly well. I asked him what age he gratified me when, a day or two later, thought a man ought to be when he I found out, by looking at a telegram

I had to think over the matter a good deal before I decided what to do; little Gurdon was rather upset because I wouldn't play cricket with him. A man can't give his mind to cricket when it's and over again before he reached that fully occupied elsewhere. Although I'd a pretty tidy experience of the "Warde, my dear fellow," he said, world, I had never had to deal with a understand, was to work it all out in

The chance came one evening, when chair; little Gurdon was close beside "I think a good deal of her, young- him, and Gurdon's aunt and Warde ster,," he said. "Why do you ask the were near the house talking in an undertone. I had been very quiet for some "I have my reasons," I said, with time, only answering "Yes" and "No"

reserve. "Struck me that you were when I was spoken to. I was leaving Burleigh. And good-by." had to say had to be said now or not

"Mr. Gurdon!" "Burleigh!" "Do you mind -do you mind calling

something to tell you. "Of great importance."

subject for youngsters." "Shall I go in, father?" on ran off. "And send your aunt and

on his chair. "Now then, Burle igh." "Wait till they come." "My dear," said Mr. Gurdon to his of the Northwest are enjoying period sister, good-temperedly, "this young of prosperity which is reflected in the man has a statement to make that re- cities. quires an audience. It is either a de-claration of foreign policy or a protest value of the crops just harvested in the

om not sure which."

"Mr. Gurdon," I said. (I can tell North Dakota, \$60,000,000; South Da-I'm not sure which." you I felt beastly nervous standing up kota, \$40,000,000-Total, \$205,000,000; or sorry. I beg your pardon, dear.
Of course, I'm sorry. I like him al-Of course, I'm sorry. I like him almost an under the sort as much as you do. Still I can't help wishing"—

grown-up people before me; but I put \$900 for each farm in the three States, on my Debating Society voice, and without counting the revenues from gripped the back of a chair.) "Mr. cattle, sheep, butter, eggs, etc. "But you must'n't," she said ser- Gurdon, since I've been staying here

"No, no!" she said, with a good deal laughing, "I have always said that 1890 the total acreage of Minnesota you special correspondent s were capable farms, improved and unimproved, was

"I am sorry to say, sir," I went on, acres of fertile soil still unoccupied

"How did you know that you young bounder?" broke in Warde.

"Allow me to finish without inter-ruption," I said, "You will have an opportunity of speaking when I have done. You see, sir"-I turned to Mr. Gurdon-"that a conspiracy has been growing under your very eyes-a conspiracy that is more than a shadow, a conspiracy that is like the prowling lion who unless nipped in the"\_\_\_

"I find your metaphors somewhat confused, Burleigh," said Mr. Gurdon. "But continue."

"Therefore, sir," I said, "I ask Mr. Warde to say whether it is or is not true that he has been contemplating this, whether he thinks it likely to improve Miss Gurdons good name or otherwise, and whether, in short"-

"Gurdon," said Mr. Warde, stepping forward. "I must explain this." "Let me do so," appealed Miss Gur

on. "A few words from me". "Now, now, pow," said Mr. Gurdon patting her white hand gently; "how do you know that any explanation is needed? A man may be an invalid and yet have his wits about him. A man may not-may not have man y

months to live, and yet"-"Dear, dear brother!" She bent an d kissed his hand very affectionately. "And yet retain something of his old acuteness. Why, I know what Master

stroked her head as she sank down near to him. "I know that my young sister was quietly married to my friend Warde before he went out with the last Egyptian expedition, that she kept ed in popularity since he occupied a brother"--

"No, no, dear! Not that." "Useless and tiresome brother," h repeated (but his voice quavered), "because she had made up her mind to nurse him and look after him untiluntil the end. And that same useless and tiresome brother is very, very grateful to his dear sister, and he will never forget her and all her goodness. She was sobbing now, and he, too, had tears in his voice.

"be a good husband to her, won't you? Warde. 'But at that age he would case like this before, and my idea, you Burleigh, my boy, run in and get off to bed. You will be off early in the morning. I want to talk to my sister and to my brother-in-law." "I hope, sir," I said, with respect

"that you will understand, and that Miss Gurdon will understand, that if I had known"-

"It is only as we grow old," said Mr. Gurdon, cheerfully, "that we find out how ingnorant we are. Good-night,

NO HARD TIMES FOR THE FARM

Contrary to the prevailing impres sion, these four years of prostration and disaster were but little felt by the farmers of the Northwest. The decline in real-estate values has been almost wholly confined to the cities. price of farm-lands. In southern Minnesota, where mixed farming prevails. through all the hard times, and al-"What's it about?" asked little Gur- though pinched by the low prices of "Nothing to do with you." I said the wheat farmers as a class have more sharply. "Get indoors. It's not a than held their own. They have been enormously better off than the indus-"May as well, my boy." Little Gur- ures which have stewn the cities with wrecks of former fortunes have been Mr. Warde here.". He turned slightly very rare in the country. With the reture, at least temporarily, of higher prices for their products, the farmers

against the pitch of our cricket field, three prairie States approximately as

It is a safe prediction that, of whatously.

"We could run up to town for a few ary while your nephew and this other are while your nephew and this other."

I've discovered something about Mr. ever prosperity is in store for the Unitwarde's proceedings that I think you ed States, a large relative share will ght to know."
"My dear Waide," said Mr. Gurdon, yet in its infancy of development. In fall to this New Northwest; for it is 18,603,654, leaving at least 20,000,000. "You must not bet," she answered in it, but I should like to add that she is reprovingly; "you must not call me entirely blameless in the matter. What-only 19,000,000 of the 90,000,000 acres the day in rest, going for a drive with dear girl, and elopements are early ever I have to say must not be taken only 19,000,000 of the 50,000,000 of the 30,000,000 of the 50,000,000 of the 50,000 of the 50,0

### Washington

... Letter



HE U. S. Treasury starts into 1898 with a more pleasing outlook than it had at the beginning of a year for some time. There was a surplus of about \$1.750,000 for the month of Decem

ber, and it is reasonably certain that with the exception of the present month, and possibly April, when heavy quarterly payments on account of pensions have to be made, every month of the present fiscal year will show a surplus. It should not be forgotten that the payments made on account of the purchase of the Union Pacific Railroad were not included to make that December surplus. While this condition is gratifying to President McKinley and every Republican, it is especially gratifying to Chairman Dingley, who predicted many months ago, when the extra session of Congress was considering his tariff bill, that the government's financial condition would improve, just as it has done under the operation of that bill as a law. On Saturday, Mr. Dingley furnished the Press Associations with a detailed statement of the revenues under the Dingley law and of the revenue outlook.

Judge McComas, who was so popular in Washington when he was a member of the House and who has increase seat upon the bench of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has orged ahead in the Senatorial race in Maryland since Gov. Lowndes, who is also very popular in Washington, withdrew in his favor, and the impression is now general that Judge McComas will be elected to succeed Senator Gorman. It is no reflection apon the other gentlemen who are candidates, active or passive, to say that the election of Judge McComas to the Senate would please more Republicans in Washington than the election of any other man named.

live to the meaning of the present attitude of the great powers of Europe towards China. He knows that they are after commerce as well as territory The U.S. wants no territory as far away as China, but it does want to keep the valuable Chinese trade it already has and to add to it, and, while not intend ing to get mixed in any European deals or squabbles, it does intend to take whatever steps may be necessary to protect American commercial interests in China. The U.S. has treaty rights in China which must be recognized by any power that acquires territory by any means in that country, and with that end solely in view, the President and his advisers are watching every move made by the powers of Europe in There has been no sensible fall in the have nothing to do with the relations of China and other nations as long as

President McKinley is thoroughly a-

our treaty rights are respected. Notwithstanding the persistent eftheir chief product for several years, forts of a portion of the democratic press to prevent contributions, the Presidents manly appeal for donations for the relief of the poor Cubans, who trialclasses in the cities. The foreclos. are suffering for the necessities of life by reason of the conditions on the island and not for any faults of their own, has touched the charitable hearts of the country and substantial relief is pouring into Cuba by every steamer. Arrangements have been made for Miss Clara Barton, President of the American Red Cross, to go to Cuba with a staff of assistants to help the U. S. Consular agents in distributing the aid among the suffering. The President is much gratified at the prompt response of the country to his appeal

> President McKinley will not send the nomination of Gov. Griggs to be Attorney General to the Senate until the nomination of Attorney General McKenna to the Supreme Court, has been confirmed, but no delay is looked for in the latter

> This year, for the first time since 1893 when the death of Mrs. Harrison

fairs, "I said, out ill find us rather behindsand here," remarked Gurdon's aunt, "We think on footing but the couch, "is a most diagerous place," "One river," and Gordon's father from the couch, "is a most diagerous place," "You mean because the so easy to fall in, sir?" I said.

"We may be asserted out only on the triver as we sent Couch ham way, but like while we bad lound but more than an individual of the most, while while we bad lound to go the most, and a direvered on the ham-sind/wers place was a perfect the place of the most, while we had not not for a time?"

"Here as we not diagerous place," "You mean because the so easy to fall in sir?" I said.

"When you're five or six years older, my boy, you'll find that the way, but like while we bad lound you, Winnie?" and a sirrevered and not be teamed to work ham way, but like while we bad lound you, Winnie?"

Peach Trees, been peachby as a can be years of the time of the morning and representations of the morning and representation of the morning and representation to the time and the eleving several personal friends during on the time and the states of the said, hurrielly going danks, resched by numerous of the said in the several watch on him, "You mean because the so easy to fall in the tree said to have a series of the said and not have a series in some and the said of the said in the event was a series in you for a time?"

It sept a very careful watch on him, sir?" I said.

"You mean because the so easy to fall in love," answered Gurdon's father of the hounders' well the part of the face of the hounders' well to the said the here of the said to the way, but like while we be like the said, hurrielly going darks, resched by numerous of the face of the face of the said that he posses of the said that he posses of fatile but arid land in the event of the said that he posses



Our Woman's ....Column



every fad. The style of walking and handshaking changes with every season, and ven the accent, with which our muchabused English is spoken, has its ups and downs as the helle of the hour chances to be admired most in London or Paris. This season's walk has a flavor of outdoor sport about it, and

the girl who is not athletic in her ways will find herself somewhat handicapped in acquiring the true swing of it-the swaying motion of the body, the fluttering movement of the arms, and the slight lilt forward of the shoulders, at once so graceful and ingratiating. Here are the rules to follow if you wish to imitate the carriage of a Fifth avenue beauty: Bring the feet to the ground lightly, with a springy waltz-step; above the waist bend the body slightly forward.

with chest well extended; then walk "from the hips," as the Yale athletes say; that is move the entire leg with each step, instead of confining the work to the knee. This will result in a long, swinging step, as healthful as it is pop

ular. The right hand, whether it is employed in carrying a muff, boa, book, umbrella, or bunch of flowers, swings lightly at the side, as though in every motion of the body was expressed the rhythm of exuberant life and perfect

ANECDOTE OF MRS.DANN. A guide was recently showing a party of ladies through a museum, ex-

plaining the various objects as they went along. "This," he said, taking up a sword, "is the weapon with which Balaam threatened to kill his ass." "I never learned." interrupted one of the ladies,"that Balaam had a sword. What I have read in history is that he wished he had one to kill his ass." "Well," replied the young man "this is the sword he wished he might have had."

In the world of fashion in England it is now the proper thing for married people to dine out apart, as hostesses extremely difficult to arrange satisfactorily, and have a troublesome habit of making up an abominably dull dinner party. A telling commentary, indeed, s this on the domestic bliss of the En-

glish upper ten! Haven't you met the woman who ten minutes, and then orders a cup of

"I once knew a men whose hair changed from black to white in a single night because he lost his fortune."
"Well, I know a girl who lost her fortune, and her hair changed from auburn to red in less time than it takes to tell it."

to tell it."

ANYTHING BUT THAT.

The London Telegraph prints a funny story of the order known as gruesome.

A poor man lay dying, and his good wife was tending him with homely but affectionate care. "Don't you think you could eat a bit of something, John? Now what can I get for yon.

With a wan smile he answeredfeebly: "Well, I seem to smell a ham a-cooking somewhere; I think I could do with a little bit of that."

"Oh no, John, dear," she answered promptly, "you can't have that. That's

promptly, "you can't have that. That's for the funeral."

The Physician in charge had decided that an operation should be not

The Physician in charge had decided that an operation should be performed. "Do you think," asked a relative, anxiously; "that the operation will do any good?" "Well, I should say it would," replied the doctor confidently. "And he'll live?" "Oh, dear, no; not at all. But it will settle a medical point that has been in dispute for the last fifty years."

What Not no wear.

White petticoats on muddy days.
Cheap lewelry any time.
Bright red with a florid complexion.
Conspicuous bicycle costumes.
A broad belt on a stout figure.
A plain basque on a slim figure.
Cheap trimmings on a good dress.
Cheap lace on anything.
Diamonds in the daytime.
Linen collars with dressy frocks.
Picture hats with outing costumes.
Theatre bonnets with street suits.
Soiled white gloves on a shopping expedition, or any time. cture hats with outing costumes, leatre bonnets with street suits. iled white gloves on a shopping expedi-

shool. Haborate toilet for church. Intidy frocks for breakfast. dorizontal stripes or tucks on a stout fig-

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The writer has been directed by superior officials to place such employes in a "sunshiny corner" and let them pass the time. In the following quotation from "Every Evening" the employe's duty and only duty was to stamp the date of the receipt of letters. He knew enough to secure and to hold his place under Civil Service rules but not to stamp the letters correctly. There was no other duty he could perform satisfactorily, except to draw his salary. That is Civil Service Reform as it is, the "Every Evening's" statements to the contrary, notwithstanding. We quote:

"The instance cited by the TRANSCRIPT of the employe "who did not, or could not stamp letters correctly," is far from conclu sive. If it was no part of the duties of that employe to stamp letters, and he was able to perform his official duties intelligently and correctly, then it made no difference how he stamped letters. But if it was a material part of his duties to stamp letters, and he could not or would not do it correctly, then he should have been sumnarily dismissed. In fact, the Civil Ser vice Reform regulations would demand his discharge. Civil Service Reform does not shield incompetent officials, but aims to secure good ones and keep them in office. It is the spoils system that loads the public

But Civil Service Reform does shield incompetent officials, we speak from experience, and the statement by "Every Evening" is like most mugwump twaddle-because matters should be therefore they are. The TRANSRIPT is not opposed to any reform except sham reform, and in this connection we are led to affirm that "Every Evening" cannot produce from its files any protest made by it because of the removal by Mr. Cleveland of governmen t employes who were Republicans-such orotests as "Every Evening" has made y hen similar dismissals were made by Mr. Harrison or those made by President McKinley. Honest Civil Service Reform is not partisan. We leave this statement-it is correct in every par ticular-to the fair judgment of our

"Every Evening" declares itself in favor of "State, county and city Civil Service Reform." In other words it favors the continuance of the present State, county and city officials in the respective offices which they hold during their natural lives or good behavior in office. That is the way it is practiced at Washington. There is no age limit for retiring officials. We suppose the "Every Evening" would first retire the few Republicans in office before extending the terms to life tenure, as that day and committed to jail at Georgetown is the Cleveland idea. There is not He was supposed to be Charles Thorn, the one voter in a hundred who favors this alleged murderer of Geo. D. Farra, of near plan, excepting the employes themselves and they usually lose the manhood to vote. The original intention of Civil Service Reform may have been good, but in practice it is a sham, the fraud of the day.

NOMINATE TRUE MEN. Governor Bushnell of Ohio is in the fight for United States Senator against Mark Hanna. Like Hanna, he is a millionaire, and the contest is likely to be a feast for the lobby and for members "with prices."-Ex.

The above may have a grain of truth. perhaps several grains! It is from a partisan opponent, hence due allowance must be made; but it is of the "feast from the lobby and members with prices" that we were thicking. There are here two classes-members who sell; paid lobbyists. Let us consider them.

We do not believe there is half the corruption among members of the General Assembly or any other representative body as the opposition and mugwump papers and partisans charge. Too often legislators are elected who sell their votes and influence, once is too often, but like an over-ripe egg or a brazen woman one is sufficient to give a bad order all around, to set the tongue of slander going. The writer was a member of a General Assembly which received at the time more abuse than perhaps any Delaware Legislature in recent years, abuse from partisan papers, but it is now recognized as one of the best bodies which have assembled in the State House for years. There may have been "members with prices" there but they were the exception. The greater difficulty to honest legislature came because of the lobby and the outside influence upon members. "If I could make up my mind on bills as you do and stick there" said an honest but "sympathetic" fellow legislators to the writer, "I should escape all the pulling and hauling, this argument and repetition of argument" and the weary members passed on to listen to a thrice-told tale. The writer listen to a thrice-told tale. The writer heard appeals, sought information, and never was offered by intimation so much as a ha' penny for his influence.

Hop Barksdale, G. V. Carpenter, Rastus much as a ha' penny for his influence. Hop Barksdale, G. V. Carpenter, He believes that was the experience of Brown, Emma Burks, W. J. King.

a great majority of that General Asembly. But what of the undecided er, and why is he so?

This brings us to the lobby. Who are the lobby or the "third house?" We are sorry to say they are the honor ed if not always honorable members of the State and counties, the politician with a pull. They make lobbying a ousiness and as representatives of another they become advocates of bills and measures which as private citizens they condemn. The lobby is an evil and lobbyists are a menace to the best interests of the State and the people Personally they are often above reproach but so much more dangerous are they. Let the General Assembly turn its back next week and all through the session upon the lobby; let the peo ple henceforth elect members who can not be influenced by a lobbyists. Get thou behind me, Satan, is a good motto for State House habitues for the next lew months.

THE"Delawarean" of Dover came to us on Wednesday as a semi-weekly is sue, the management purposing to is sue two papers a week for the price of one. The "Star-Democrat" of Easton, Md., which has been a semi-weekly for some months has gone back of to its weekly Issue, but the "Delawarean" has more money back of it perhaps than the other paper. In fact its pro prietor can afford to run a paper for fun if he so desires but he has announced that such is not his purpose. He insists on the dollar a year in advance of no paper, and ten cents a line for locals and ten cents an inch for display ads every issue. These are fair prices and the "Delawarean" merits them. The three papers in Dover have agreed to stand by these terms. We wish Mr. Saulsbury success: the "Delawarean" is a reliable paper in its news and nerits success.

"NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that here is over \$237,000,000 in the U. S. Treasury, we still hear the coakers say ing the Republican administration is a failure. A happy failure isn't it? with this snug little sum, and plenty of cash with which to meet the heavy pay ments that fall due early in this month, and still have plenty of cash on hand. Bond issues are something that don't belong to this administration."-Denton Union.

#### OLD SUSSEX.

H. P. Cannon, of Bridgeville, has co tracted with farmers to plant over 1,600 oushels of peas.

William Pullen, who attempted to show Burt Masten, in Milford, on Tuesday night over a woman, was taken to Georgetown Wednesday and held in \$2,500 ball.

-Great catches of black perch are being made from Lover's creek, about six miles south of Lewes. To haul the net up with several bushels at a dip is no unusual oc-The fish are shipped to the city

Thomas Hook, a white man and by trade painter, who attempted to shoot Minnie Allen, colored being jealous over her, on Monday, at Milford, gave himself up Wed nesday. He was held in \$500 bail by Magis trate Cullen to appear at court.

Dr. Thomas C. Tomlinson, aged 44 years ate of Philadelphia, died at his home at Clayton on Wednesday. He was a brother of Dr. P. W. Tomlinson of Wilmington and a native of Milton, Sussex county. He gave up practice some time ago because of failing Theredore Smith David Reynolds and

I. Jester, all of Milton, were each held in \$200 bail for their appearance at court by Magistrate Smith of Georgetown on Thur day for breaking into and removing goods from a beef shop of James H. Warring in Milton. The goods were being held for rent by Mr. Warrington.

A negro giving his name as Kendal Jones Wilmington, but not being identified his release was ordered by the Attorney Gen-

Sussex county Pomana Grange will mee at Laurel on Thursday, the 20th inst. These questions will be discussed. 1 Rest method of improving worn soils. 2. Can it be done profitably in Sussex county at present prices of farm products.

James P. Morris, who recently remove to the James M. Gordy farm, about midway between Georgetown and Milton is having peculiar experiences. Morris is not a believer in the return of departed spirits, but he says his accustomed peaceful slun pers are disturbed by unpleasant dreams of the executed wife murderer, in which Gordy talks to him. It was on this farm that the tell-tale hammer, muddy pantaloons and several articles belonging to the unfortunate woman were found hidden

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Dr. Evans Made Two Wills.

Rudolph E vans, the only surviving brother of the late Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the famous American dentist, who died in Paris November 14, has arrived in Paris with his wife and son. It is learned from a reliable source that the original will of Dr. Evans, drawn by Arthur E. Valois, of New York, his attorney, was so badly copied by Dr. Evans, who also amended it and added several codicilis, that it is very doubtful if it is legal.

It also appears that Dr. Evans made two wills, one for the United States and another for France. Rev. W. W. Herberton form erly of Elkton, is named as one of the ex-ecutors of the American will. Rudolph Evans received but \$10,000 un-

der the will. Therefore he is determined to fight the will. If his brother had died intestate he would have been entitled to half the fortune of the dece after all, amounts to exactly \$4,000,000.

Unclaimed Letter s.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

The General Assembly of Maryland me t Annapolis Wednesday, January 5th, and will continue so long as in its judgment the public interests may require, provided it is not over ninety days, and each member to eceive \$5 a day for his services while there the bar, the officials and ex-officials of attending to business. He also is allowed mileage not to exceed twenty cents a mile. The Speaker of the House and Presiden of the Senate receive \$8 a day. The Assem bly consists of 117 members, 26 Senators and 91 Delegates. The tenure of office is four rears for a Senator and two years for Representative. The present Senate stands 18 danger before an on-coming train and lost Republicans and 8 Democrats. The House his life in the attempt. Thus the work of crats. The has 49 Republicans and 42 Dem seats of five Democrats have been con-

The following are the members from the Eastern shore—Senators:
Caroline—Robert M. Messick, rep Cecil-Austin L. Crothers, dem Dorchester-Wm. F. Applegarth, dem. Kent-Charles T. Westcott, rep.
Queen Anne's-Woodland P. Findley

Somerset-A. Lincoln Dryden, rep. Talbot—Henry Clay Dodson, rep. Worcester—John Walter Smith, den Wicomico-Elihu E. Jackson, dem. HOUSE OF DELEGATES.
Caroline—Charles H. Todd, rep., George

r. Redden, dem. Cecil-John S. Wirt, dem., Wilmer ompson, dem., John H. Jenness, dem ester-Alonzo L. Miles, dem., Chas. W. Hackett, dem., Benjamin J. Linthicum

Kent-Enoch G. Clark, dem., George Noland, dem. Queen Anne's-William J. Price, Jr. m., Eugene L. Dudley, dem., S. Collins

Somerset-Amos I. Dougherty, rep., Isaa P. Dryden, rep., Maurice N. Carew, rep. Talbot-Hiram S. Hall, rep., Levin H. Tull, rep., Edward Woodall, rep. -John E. Taylor, dem., Mino

A. Davis, dem., John W. P. Insley, dem Worcester-Calvin B. Taylor, dem., Lloyd Wilkinson, dem., J. Edward White, dem. The Senate organized by the election Wirt Randall, of Anne Arundel connty, Speaker, M. M. Higgins of Talbot county, Clerk, and the other Republican caucus nominees. In the House eleven Baltimore City Republicans bolted the caucus nomins and have brought about a deadlock in the organization. The Democrats are said to be dickering with the bolters in terests of Senator Gorman's re-election All is confusion in the Republican ranks

Rev. Lafayette Marks, D. D. pastor Hanover Street Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, fell dead in Baynard's jewelry store of that city Wednesday afternoon while dealing at the counter. Heart disease was the cause.

Dr. Marks was born in Virginia about 65 yeare ago. He was a chaplaiu in the Union army, preached in Philadelphia before becoming pastor of Hanover Street in 1869. His last sermon was delivered Tuesday evening, the subject "Ask questions of God." He leaves a widow and eight children. The funeral will take place this after-

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Wesley Buoy, pastor of Trinity Methodis Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, remove a staunch friend of the Wilmington Co erence Academy. But it now develope that the library of the academy is to be enriched through his generosity. Dr. Buoy's private library of 800 volumes, valued a more than \$1000, has been given to the school and has been added to the already arge number of volumes at the disposal o the students. Dr. W. L. Gooding, princips of the academy, has arranged to place the books in an alcove to be named "The Rev C. W. Buoy Alcove."

Dr. Buoy was a member of the Wilmin

on Conference in his early ministry, and i 1871 at a meeting in Smyrna, of Peninsula Methodists, he read a paper recommending the establishment of a school for secondary education in the Wilmington Conference In three years' time the school was opened and has ever since grown steadily in favor and now numbers among its alumni many of the leading young ministers, as well as some of the best professional and busines

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LITERARY NOTES.

We are brought into close touch with the nane side of human life in an article in January "Century" by Gustav Kobbe. "Every-day Heroism" is its title, and the 'Heroes of Peace" as he calls the examples which he cites are those who held not heir lives dear unto themselves, but forge ful of self they were bent on the relief of others, and many of whose lives were lost in the struggle. The first whom he brings into mention is Hovenden, the artist, wh seeing the peril of a little girl, rushed int his brush has brought to so many as they have gazed upon his "Breaking Home Ties" and "Bringing Home the Bride" the feeling of tender emotions and loving sym-pathy, gave his life that a little child might be saved, but the child perished with him. The writer then turns to the hum bler walks of life and relates how a woma who was a servant snatches a child from an awful death under a trolly, herself dying from injuries which she received in the act. then of a negro who stood between a runa wayhorse and two little children thus saving their lives, taking the shock himself which resulted in severe injuries; and of others paming them, who did deeds of just such beroism, closing his article with account in full detail of a circumstance which occurred luring the attempt to tunnel the Hudson River between Jersey City and New York, where one man was instrumental in saving the lives of seven of the twenty-eight who were working under the river at that time, himself lost in the attempt. And of a ne-gro slave whose heroism in the face of fire and smoke took him to the rescure the stu-lents of Howard College, Alabama, losing his own life. All of which make us feel that in the "genius homo" there is that which goes out to others in need and if man's inhumanity to man makes count-ess millions mourn" the counteracting influence of such deeds as these makes many to rejoice.

Mrs. Burton Harrison began in Novem ber Century one of her characteristic so ciety seriels—"Good Americans" is its title
We are introduced into one of those New York homes(?) where to entertain and to be entertained is woman's chief end. It is the hour when the mistress of this domain is sitting in state, awaiting the arrival of those who may come informally for afternoon tea. It is quite interesting to note the ar rival of the guests, two of whom stand ou om the others and both of whom figure in the story as it developes. These are Sy-bil Gwynne, a beautiful and attractive young maiden who is under the guardian ship of a rich and designing aunt, and Peter Davenant, a young lawyer of limited means but who is gradually rising in the rofession through dint of his own efforts and is experiencing his first winter in New York life with the first mentioned individual as his guiding star. The manoeuvering of Davenant in Sybil's behalf, and the many failures to bring about the results dered make us sympathize with him and on her part the barrier confronting her in the form of this aunt, with her fortune, makes one feel that with all that is laid at her feet; wealth, fame and luxury, she is an object for pity in that she is to be made a tool for her aunt's whims and wishes. We are watching the story with interest as this month's portion leaves us where the storm clouds are hanging but have not burst over

Daring Highway Robbery

Chestertown, Md., January 5th, 1898.— A daring assault and robbery occurred at the Quaker school-house, near Lynch's station, between 9 and 10 o'clock last night charles Long, Jr., of near Worton Manor had spent the afternoon skating on Urieville mill pond and was returning home alone in a carriage. The moon was shining brightly, and when near the old Quaker school house he saw three colored men. One of the party asked Mr. Long if that was the road to Still Pond, and the distance to the village. He answered their uestions and was about to drive on, when they demanded that he alight stating that they wanted his money. Mr. Long, who is about 23 years of age, endeavored to force his horse forward, but the desperadoes grabbed him and one of them inflicted an igly wound across the hand and made utal thrusts at his body with a knife. At \$2.75 each-One stroke gashed his side, and his overoat and other clothing were badly cut. The young man is a muscular farmer and put up a vigorous resistance, but was quicky overpowered. Two men held him, and while one held the horse, rifled his pockets of every cent he had with him-shout \$8 or \$10. Upon securing their booty, Mr. Long was released and ordered to drive on, which he promptly did. The road is not a particulally lonely one, and to add to the daring of the assault and robbery, two resi. dences are only a short distance away. Mr. Long states that he would be unable to lentify any of his assailants. Though there are no clues as to the identity of the men, it is supposed by some that two of them are the strange negro men who recently robbed R. W. Jones' home while the family were at supper. In this case a note for \$1,000 and other papers were stolen and scattered over the ground some distance

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The garments are generous in size, are prettily made and the styles run from the simplest everyday article to the daintiest, fluffiest bit that Paris wits can conjure.

The bulk of the stock is made in America-not in stuffy workrooms, but by great semi-rural organizations of bright, cleanly, well-paid Modern methods, machine helps,

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Among the blankets of more modest sorts are these of much warmth and goodness, at these little prices-At \$2 a pair-

Heavy white Blankets; size 70x78 in. weight, 5 lbs. At \$3 a pair-Large warm white Blankets; wool filling

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At \$4.50, instead of \$7.50-Sailor Suits of finest grade of worsted serge; handsomely braided; trimming in red, black or white; sizes 3 to 10 years. At \$3.75, instead of \$7-Russian Blouse Suits, mostly of worste cheviots in solid colors and fancies; a

are double-breasted, have sailor collars, and fine leather belt. At \$2.50, instead of \$4e Suits in fancy cheviots; for age

At \$3, instead of \$4.50 to \$6-Brownie Suits in fancy cheviots, some in navy blue cloth with red or white trimming; others of navy blue or brown narrow wale worsted, with white trimming: sizes 3 to 8 years. At \$5, instead of \$8 and \$10-

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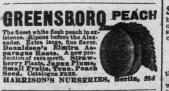
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NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the seventeenth day of November, A. D., 1897, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the sadd Executor, on or before the Seventeenth day of November, 1898, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided,

WILLIAM N. SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A with of Levar Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county. State of Delaware,

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 8, 1898.

#### Local News.

-The Cantwell Insurance Co., of Odessa has declared a dividend of 10 per cent. Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Rem edy, it cures; 25 cents.

-About 300 aristocratic canines have been on exhibition at the Wilmington dog show

-New Upright Piano for sale cheap. J. B. MESSICK

-While skating on Voshell's millpond John Davidson of Mt. Pleasant fell and fractured his collar bone early this week. -Peter J. Ford, the Wilmington mo rocco manufacturer, Saturday presented

policies for \$1,000 each, Mr. Ford paying the first premium. -WANTED .- Operators on Shirts. Apply to F. H. Burgess at Factory.

-The Board of Pardons met in Dover on Tuesday and recommended the remission of the lashes in the cases of Richard Mahor and William Crowley, who are serving time in New Castle jail.

-Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd has purchase the Buck property on West Main street and will fit it up and occupy it after March 25. -Rev. F. H. Moore and Re v. S. Beattie

Wylie of New Castle exchanged pulpits on Thursday evening. The Week of Prayer has been observed all the week by regular services in Forest Presbyterian Church. FOR SALE-A well-bred young horse

J. C. PARKER. -At the bottom of a recent wedding card these words were put: "No children expected." An old lady reading one of the cards exclaimed: "Wells they may not

expect 'em, but I'll bet they'll have 'em all It's folly, to lose your poultry when the

use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guar anteed to you for 25 cents. -A chap in Baltimore refused to marry his fiancee because he discovered she had a flat foot. She sued him this week for breach of promise, and after the jury had seen and admired the foot, they awarded her \$1775 damages.

-House I now occupy for Rent. Poss J. B. MESSICK. ession December 1st. -Have you ever noticed when you meet

a doctor he says: "How are you?" News-paper man inquires, "what do you know?" The lawver pats you on the back and ejact what have you got?" The preacher asks, "where are you going?"

-FOR RENT .- One Dwelling on Mair MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD.

-We wish all our subscribers whose post office address changed at the end of the year would notify us by postal card at once, so that we may keep the matter straight on our mailing list. Be sure to give your old

-J. Frank Brinkerhoff of Philadelphia, Specialist in Lenses for the Eye, will again be in Middletown at Mrs. Massey's Jewelry store on Tuesday, January 11th. No charge to examine your eyes to determine if you will be benefitted by wearing glasses.

-You will never go to heaven unless you pay your fare; a cent in the collection box will never get you there, though many think it will, but they will soon be sadly fooled when they knock at the celestial gate with only their penny on the plate.

-Remember that J. F. McWhorter has Implements on hand -The young Men's Democratic Club, of

Wilmington, will celebrate "Jackson Day" next Tuesday, January 11th, at its rooms on Market street. The club will be address ed by prominent speakers, including Senators Gray and Kenney and Congressman

-Advantages of LeGore's Combination of Lime above others are, it acts quicker asts longer, takes less per acre. For State analysis and scientific test, testimonials, prices, &c, address, J. W. LeGore, Woods-boro, Md.

-An advertisement in a paper that contains the news, and as a result is read by an intelligent class of people is the best salesman a merchant can have. 'The TRANSCRIPT" reaches the families of thos who are the most substantial patrons of the

-Leonard A. Rhoades, of Olessa, has leased Murphy's mill, west of town and removed there on Tuesday. The firm of Vandegrift and Clothier having dissolved, Mr. Clothier returning to the Willow Grove Mills from whence he moved a few months

-President McKinley's address at the Commercial Museum in Philadelphie was rted (by appointment) by a graduate Shorthand. Seud for Catalogue.

The demand for canned tomatoes is said to be imprecedented for this season of the rear. Beyons are offering 90 cents a dozen already. The cause of the rise is the failure of the crop last season. The scarcity will undoubtedly clean the market and

-Trinke'lere the Photographer will lease you in work and price.

-Two caye-ins at the B. & O. cuts in ington on Thursday morning burried in thickness. The weather has been elerand injured several Italian workmen.

-J. Frank Biggs, Esqr., who for years has been practising law in this city and residing in Middletown, has removed his home to this city.—Evening Journal. -The Anti-Race Track League of Ceci county has prepared a bill to be introduced

at the present session of the Legislature prohibiting gambling in every form.

-The creamery at St. Augustine, cwned by Mr. Cochran, is being run by a man from the First district. W. A. Stubbs, who

formerly run it, has gone with Cook & Brady, who have a creamery at Middletown. He receives the farmers' milk at St. Augustine and hauls it to Middletown .- Elkton

acres woodland, nice dwelling, good granary and stables, orchard and vineyard, not far from water and rail facilities. Terms easy at private sale. Inquire at TRANSCRIPT

-The dwelling occupied by Mr. S. M. Reynolds on South Broad street was sold on Monday to representatives of Messrs. Hubbard & Co., Baltimore, for \$1.650. Mr. Reynolds will move to the Massey property next the National Hotel, Mrs. Budd having decided to go to Wilmington.

-For Rent.-The property on Cas Street, Middletown, now occupied by Stephen Boyer. Large and roomy with all

modern conveniences. Possession given March 25th. 1898. Address, MRS. HARDCASTLE, Chesapeake City, Md. -Patrick Kelley, a carpenter, who, it is

aimed, "was struck dumb for cursing." at Wilmington a year ago, suddenly 100 of his workmen with life insurance covered his speech while at work in Louis ville, Ky. The supposition is that while Kelley might have seemed a monument of wickedness in Delaware, he became a pearl of innocence and virtue amid the surroundings he found in Kentucky.

-The Chicago Times Herald can give a good answer to almost any question. When the Denver Post wondered why the car conist always represent Uncle Sam with crousers much too short for him it said: "The trousers are long enough, but the the old man's leg's have been pulled so often that they are now really longer than they ought to be."

-The following statement has been subitted for the entertainment given in the Opera House, Christmas night, for the nefit of the Y. M. C. A .:-

Rent of Hall \$15.00
Music 5.00
Posters, Dodgers, Tickets Transcript 4.50
Rent of Wigs, Expressage 4.05
Ticket to Phila. T. A. P. Bordley 2.05
Advertising, New Era 1.62

Net Proceeds . . . . . \$41.30 -About 1,100 post offices were added Jan. 1st to the 24,000 money order offices in the country those in Delaware are: Christiana, Deakyneville, Elsmere, Henry Clay Factory, Rockland, Summit Bridge, Wooddale and Yorklyn, New Castle county; Hartly, Houston Station and Rising Sun, Kent county; Concord, Dagsboro, Gumboro, Millville, Roxana and tSockley, Sus

-The Langdon Dramatic Co. had a much maller audience on Thursday evening than heir rendering of "Faust" deserved. The play was well staged and the characters of Mephisto, Faust and Valentine were intermediate. Meanword the average of the usual mrs. Charlotte Reynolds, Miss Bessie Rey preted far beyond the average of the usual traveling troupe. Last evening as the Transcript went to Press the audience was gathering to listen to Victor Hugo's great

story-the Count of Monte Christo -At the 49th annual meeting of the Cant

well Mutual Insurance Company held at the hotel of Charles W. Lloyd, in Odessa on Monday the following directors were elected for one year: John C. Corbit, Columbus Watkins, Daniel W. Corbitt, Colen Ferguson, Merritt N. Willits, James T. Shallcross, and Z. A. Pool. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. John C. Corbit was elected President and Mr. Jos. G.

pany is in excellent condition. -The Langdon Dramatic Company will entinge at the Opera House this afternoon and evening. The matinee this afternoon will doubtless be well patronized, as the price of admission is only 10 cts to all parts of the house. In the evening that old but

highly appreciated play, "Rip Van Winkle" will be the attraction. Mr. Lang-don has a company of ladies and gentlemen a full line of carriage and argricultural with him, and dramatic talent far above the average. -The friends of the Y. M. C. A. who objected to aid the society through the recent entertainment because of objections to

"cake walks," burlesque, &c, should not forget to aid the society in their own way. The entertainment was a success, did no harm in anyway, and put forty dollars in the treasury to pay debts. At least half that amount should come now from others. It is needed. The association is doing a good work; encourage it by something more substantial than mere good wishes.

travel. This bridge has given Commissioners Scott and Truax considerable trouble and they have done everything in their power not only to accomodate the people Surgeon Dentist, office came location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunis hoped that there will be no further trouder and Gas for painless extracting.

as much as topy could as repairing bridges
of this kind costs considerable money. It
is hoped that there will be no further trouble with this bridge, for the present at
off close to the ground, then into the

> -Mr. M. Records, an old time subscriber of the TRANSCRIPT from Blackbird hundred was in town yesterday and called at the editorial sanctum. Mr. Records is of the opinion that the editor of the TRANSCRIP could render a far greater service to the agriculturist to advocate a lower tariff, less protective tariff. He made another sugheat). Commercial and contained to the seed on the seed of the seed on the see

-The new creamery opened its doors for good prices should be paid growers next business on stonday and received about 4,000 pounds of milk that day. Mr. J. F. Acono pounds of milk that day. Mr. J. F.
Boslster of the firm of P. M. Sharpless, of West Chester, who furnished the machinery for the new plant, has about completed his work of putting it in operation. Messrs young friend, bore the casket to the grave where it was lowered by six young men. The young ladies were Miss Namie Nichols, Miss Lole Longfellow, Miss Willie Porter, Miss Fannie Clark, Miss Bertie Thawley, and Miss Emma Hyde.—Deuton nion.

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filled with fine, clear ice, from 4 to 6 inches

and cold most of the time. -The small boy for a time enjoyed the comforts of the Y. M. C. A. rooms. He this week. could not behave himself, however, insisting on making a play house of the rooms breaking chairs, &c. The rooms have been forbidden him. He must stay out unless 16 years old under penalty of a fine. The same small boy makes himself a nuisance at every performance at the Opera Hous by eating peanuts, cracking the shells in

#### PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Wome

(If you have been away on a visit, or havisitors at your nome send us the news, se it early. What may seem of no interest you, may be pleasing to some one else. You are always pleased to publish any items personal or local mention and cordially inv -Miss Emma Merritt is visiting in Phila-

- Mrs. T. O. Sullivan is visiting friends

-Mrs. E. S. Jones is in the City Brotherly Love. -Miss Belle Appleton visited friends

in town the first of the week. -Mr. George Houston, of Philadelphia,

-Mr. J. F. McWhorter is on a two weeks visit to his uncle at Norfolk, Va. -Ex-State Treasurer Chas. A. Atkins, o Milton, was in town on Tuesday.

-Mr. Ed. Stephens, of Philadelphia, the guest of his uncle, Mr. Joseph Biggs. -Mr. Charles P. Cochran is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Mendinhall, Belleville N. J.

-Miss Mollie Wilson is visiting he sister, Mrs. E. D. Hearne, in Georgetown, Del

fined to his room for a few days is out -Druggist Bragdon who has been confin ed to the house for a few days past is out

again. -Miss Alice Eliason, of Mt. Pleasant, ha been the guest of Miss Myrtle Houston been quite sick.

ing on Monday evening to Baltimore. -Mrs. T. E. Lindley, of Eastville, North-

ampton Co., Virginia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lockwood, near Warwick. -Miss Martha Heaton left town on Mon day for Philadelphia from whence in com

pany with her brother, Mr. Wilson Heaton she started on Wednesday for California They will visit several places enroute and expect to be gone about six weeks. -Rev. W. J. Wilkie, Dr. and Mrs. T. H Gilpin, Mrs. H. E. Nowland, Mrs. Sewell Green, Mrs. E. R. Cochran, and Miss Blanche Cochran attended the funeral of

Mrs. Culbreth in Smyrna on Monday. -Brother James O. Sullivan, S. J., from Woodstock College, Harford Co., Md., spent the Holidays with his many relatives and friends near Middletown. He is a brother to Mr. T. O. Sullivan near St. Anne's and has not been home before for several years. The visit was much enjoyed by all.

-Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor ente tained in their hospitable home on North Broad street on Wednesday at a 6 o'clock dinner. There were seated at the bountiful table Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. S.

#### TOWNSEND NOTES.

Mrs. Anthony, of Smyrna, spent Satarday with Mrs. J. S. Lattomus.

Mrs. S. Raisen and Miss Rachel Parrot of Still Pond, have been visiting

Rev. A. Chandler and family returned from Crumpton on Thursday. Miss Cora Jewel and Miss Sallie

Still Pond. W. W. Salmon, of Chicago, visited his mother on Saturday.

Dr. Money, of Felton, spent Thursday in Town. "The "Ladies Aid met at the home

of Mrs. W. A. Scott on Thursday

Miss Maude Smith, of Middletown, is a guest of Miss Nina G. Scott.

W. H. Money has bought out the store of James Dailey, on Main St. Gardiner Shockley has moved his family from Wharton to this place.

Mrs. Ainett and her son Howard, of Smyrna, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Howell and daughter of Commander Howell, was married at Atlantic City on R. Hodgson and wife spent Satur-

day with his parents at Sassafras. On their return trip just as they reached The iron bridge at Fleming's Landing the railroad one of the shaft itons. The remains were taken to Dover on Thurswhich has not been passable for some broke, the horse became frightened and day for interment. The deceased formerly which has not been passable for some broke, the horse became frightened and weeks pant is now repaired and ready for ran away and upset the carriage and ran away and upset the carriage and resided in Dover. threw them both out. Fortunately the other shaft iron broke also and the horse was loosed from the carriage. and not inconvenience them any more than possible, but also to save the two counties as much as they could as repairing bridges hurt, but no bones were broken. After will need some more repairs.—Smyrna Callout a whole pannel. The carriage was a complete wreck, but the horse was

#### CURRENT EV ENTS

Joseph Leiter, Chicago's wheat king, is reported as having too much of this article on hand; he being the owner of 7,000,000

The Republicans of Ohio like the Repubicans of Maryland are much stirred up Democrats organized the Senate and the bolters and Democrats organized the House. The Hanna men claim that he will yet be

ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Ella Ferguson was in town Monday Mr. Richard Tucker was home over Sun

Most of the ice houses have been Miss Peachy is visiting her sister, Mrs.

Joe Armstrong. The skaters have been making good us

Miss Nellie Manloye, of Warwick, is vis-

ing Odessa relatives. Mrs. W. O. Hurst is spending a few day ith Baitimore friends.

Miss Blanche Price returned from her va ation visit home Tuesday. Extra services began in St. Paul's M. E

Church on Sunday evening. Miss Emma Lord spent Thursday with er sister, Miss Virginia Lord.

Mr.Leonard A. Rhodes and family moved Murphy's Mills on Monday. Mr. Andrew Weist and Mr. Michae

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson are ing their daughter in New York. Miss India Long has been the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mrs. Th eodore Long. The bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Revbold, made their appearance on Sunday Mr. Sylvester Townsend was the guest of his cousin, Geo. L. Townsend, Jr., on Sun-Miss Elsie Cleaver, of Middletown,

the guest of Mrs. John G. Armstrong this week. acation at home returned to Odessa on

Miss Bessie Snape spent New Year's with Miss Edith Stevens, returning to Wil-

mington on Monday. Mrs. William Davis and Mrs. Davis, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eu-

gene Davis on Thursday. Miss Ophelia George returned Monday from a very pleasant visit among friends in Philadelphia, Pa., Camden and Woodbury,

Mrs. Jeremiah Keen has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Cleaver, ssisting in nursing her little boy who has

Mr. and Mrs. Johathan K. Williams, the —Mr. Warren Cochran spent New Year's Misses Williams, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Aspril, with his mother, Miss Elia Cochran, return-Mr. William's sister, Miss Mary Williams, large family dining.

#### DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. R. A. Barr is seriously ill. Skating has been fine on the basin

Red upping has begun on the canal. Mr. Peter Cleaver is somewhat better Mrs. H. S. Thompson has been quit

Miss Nan Sadler is visiting in Havre d Miss Agnes Vail spent Sunday in Phila

Mr. Fred Morris has returned to Phila delphia Mr. John Kane is very ill, not expecte

Mrs. F. C. Warren was in Wilmington of The week of prayer was observed in the M. E. Church.

Miss Kincaid, of New Castle, is staying with Miss M. Janvier. Mrs. N. G. Price and daughter spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. John Hance, of New Castle, was in Contrary to expectations Rev. L. A. Oates will not return this week. The Major Reybold was not out thi

week on account of the ice. The Misses Colburn entertained on Sat urday evening at Marshfield,

Mr. Joseph Warren and family have re turned to Delaware City to live. The Rectory Improvement Society m

on Monday evening at Miss Hunter's. Mr. S. Harrington Littell officiated as lav reader in Christ P. E. Church last Sun Some of the farmers near town are get

Some of the farmers near town are getting ice. Fine in quality but only three line hes thick. inches thick. Mrs. S. K. Lofland who has been visiting

her parents has returned to her home in nough. Dr McDowell is in town making an effort to organize a party of men to go to

Klondike in the spring. Miss Alice Vail was graduated from the training school for nurses on Friday. Her mother and sister Agnes were present. A fire at the home of Mr. A. Colburn slight.

on Tuesday evening would have resulted disastrously but for prompt energetic meas-Miss Howell, the niece of Mrs. Capt

Tuesday to Lieut Neville. They will reside in Brooklyn. Mr. C. C. Baum died on Sunday at th

An entertainment was given on Thurs day in Mulligan's Hall under the efficient assisted by the Delaware City orchestra

omposed of members of the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. L. Stehley, of Sunbury, Pa., has veen visiting her sister, Mrs. Julia Brewer. Her daughter, Miss Lidie Stehley, who is employed as stenographer in the shirt factory at Middletown; spent Sunday with changed from Dover to Wyoming. her mother at Mrs. Brewer's.

Dasher-Pope.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 30th., the nome of Mr. and Mrs. William McCoy at the Myrtledale farm near Cecilton, Md., a very pretty home wedding took place at 7.30 vclock. The contracting parties were being Miss Faunie Elizabeth Pope, of near Cecilton, and Mf. Preston F. Dasher, of near Ridgley, Md. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. Arthur Pope, brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the brother of the bride, and Miss Bertie Morris, cousin of the bride, and Miss Bertie evergreen and red berries. The bride was attired in cadet blue, trimmed with bro caded satin, pearl trimming and lace. The assessor, Robert A Black. A citizen's meet

MY MARYLAND.

The Odd Fellows' fair at Chesapeake City s said to have netted the lodge \$400.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Allen near Earl versary of their wedding on Monday, Jan Mr. I. R. Leaverton's double team rai away on Monday near Melitota, Kent

county, and running into the rear of Mr. Joseph Watson's carriage wrecked it throw ing Mr. Watson out and severely injuring Mrs. Elizabeth Boulden has sold he farm "Poplar Hall," situated one mile from Chesapeake City, to R. J. Kirk, of Pivot Bridge. Alonzo Boulden now occupies

John L. Baldwin, a native of Cecil coun ty, committed suicide by shooting himself in his business office, Philadelphia, on Wednesday. Despondency caused by pro-tracted illness is the cause assigned. Mr. W. H. Kemp and Miss Sallie R

and will remain there another year.

Powell, both of Easton, were married by the Mayor of Philadelphia on Tuesday. The groom is a brother-in-law to Dr. Henry Ridgley of Dover and the bride a sister-in Gazette, she having been a member of the editorial excursions frequently.

It is rumored about Elkton that the two ills of the Elk Mills Company, located at Banks, on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, are about to be leased to a syndicate which will operate the plants. Of late improvements have been going on about the mills and the contract for repairing the dam has been given out It is understood that the upper mill is to be repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith, of Sassafra entertained most charmingly on Christmanday. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have an envi able reputation for the elegant hospitality which is always found in their home, and the Christmas day dining was no exception o the rule. William K. Lockwood. Mrs Griffith's parents; Lizzie and Agnes Lock wood, her sisters; William G. Lockwood her brother, of Mi'dletown; Bessie Clift of Baltimore; Jacob Shallcross and two sons, Willie and Masten, Mary Griffith, William Staats and wife. All enjoyed a most delightful time.-Chestertown Tran

A resident of Kent Island a few days ago said: "The goose is one of 'staple products' of the island, and many of our farmers ealize more profit from raising these fowls han from all other sources combined. Native 'island birds' are the largest and and also command an extra figure. The Hebrews make it a point to produre them specially, on account of their size and the amount of fat they will take on. Three years ago parties from New England visited our locality and purchased one thousand geese in one season at \$2 a piece. Seven hundred were shipped in one day. We have been selling large numbers the past two weeks, and obtaining good prices, never less than \$1.50 head."—Centreville Observer

The State Legislature will meet on Tues day morning next, occupying the remodel State House for the first time. On Monday night a caucus of the Democratic embers will probably be held for the pur pose of selecting a reading clerk to succeed the late C. W. Kern, of Milford, and also chaplain, to succeed the Rev. H. G. G. Vincent, who has resigned.

There are a number of candidates for th office of reading clerk, but it is impossible to predict the chances of any candidate at this time. The office of chaplain will undoubtedly be filled by some clergyman officiating in Dover.

The chief business of the session will be revision of State laws to conform to the new Constitution, and consequently a num ber of lawyers are expecting to be called upon to aid in completing this work. Some sideration will also be given to a gene corporation act. The question of salarie of county officers will be discussed and an endeavor made to regulate them satisfactorily.

Wilmington will receive consideration and it will probably be adopted with some slight modifications. Local legislation for Kent and Sussex counties is also contem law some dissatisfaction having been ex-

KENT COUNTY.

The Dover shirt factory is now running t Milford, was stricken with paralysis Mon day, and is in a critical condition. This is the third attack, the others having been

Dr. E. S. Anderson, of Dover, on Mon day took David Spencer, of Rising Sun, to a Philadelphia hospital for treatment. Spencer drank wood alcohol as a substitute for wiskey and has become totally blind. The sureties of Frank L. Wright, of

Smyrna, ex-superintendent of the Water and Light Departments, have made good the shortage of \$641 found in his accounts and the money has been paid to the town. At the Milford town election on Monday hese councilmen were chosen: J. Truitt, president; M. L. Davis, John P. Car ean, F. H. Kramlich and John W. Hal-

Stayton; alderman, J. Y. Foulk. Railroad Section Boss Thomas Foster and his gang of men have moved to Wyoming where they will have their headquarters

lett; collector and treasurer, William H

The dwelling house on Allen Shock' farm, near Kenton, was entirely destroyed by fire Friday night, December 31st, with all the contents. Mr. Shock lives in Dover and a colored family were living in the house at the time, the man losing \$100.00, his year's wages. The cause of the fire is unknown. The house, which was a very nice one, was insured in the Kent County Mutual, \$1500. The town election in Dover on Monday

promises to be the hottest for many years
The Republicans purpose nominating a Hanna. Ten Republicans have bolted the Republican caucus and joined the 65 Democrats thus controlling the situation. The served. There were seventy or more guests present. About 12 o'clock the guests departed wishing the happy couple a long and happy married life. On Saturday January 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Dasher took the 5.18 train for their new home near Ridgley, Maryland.

ADA. M. ROBERTS. ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools passed the per centage for the month of December entitling them to be enrolled on the Honor List:

DEPARTMENT No. 2.--Bertha Geary Blanche Roberts, Louise McDowell, Heler Cochran, Ella Burchard, Katie Truax Ethel Ginn, Ethel Rowe, Helen Brady Sylvia Moore, Randolph Geary, Mary Now and, Grover Talbot, Mary Holte

DEPARTMENT No. 3-Florie Owens, Elsi ones, Justine Peverley, May Webb, Annie Bordley, Carrie West, Harold Dawson, Li lian Solway, Lizzie Holten, May Kumple, Maude Deakyne. Maurice Bratton, Allee, Eliza Green, Jessie Willits, Douglas Dock wood, Fred Blome, Clarence Donovan DEPARTMENT No. 4-Louise McCrone Emily Allee, Clara Whitlock, Anna Talbot Helen Rowe, Edith Mabrey. Charlie Byron Lottie Jolls, Edna Banning, Mary Truax Lloyd Bragdon, Victor Jones, George Rich-

ards, Florence Blome, Jay Parker. DEPARTMENT No. 5-Alice Dawson lanche Deakyne, Fannie Malrey, Ada Scott, Bessie Wright, Lizzie Richards, Annie Bartlett, Taylor Barnett, Reece Dar-lington, Fred Ferris, Norman Gill, Joseph Walker.

The following pupils have reached as yerage of 90 per cent for the month of December.—Minnie Smith, Bertie Cochran, Louise Cochran, Carrie Caulk, Howard Padley, Elwood Padley, Grover Bendler Wednesday, February 2, 1893-Sale

stock, farming implements, &c., by T. Edgar Clayton, adminstrator of John M. Clayton, deceased, at the late residence Mr. Clayton near Mt. Pleasant. Thursday, February 17th, 1898.-Sale tock, farm implements, &c., by John W

Voshell, at his residence, on the W. R. Cochran farm, one mile West of Middle Wednesday, February 23rd 1898.-Sale of Personal Property on Home Farm by Jonathan K. Williams, near Odessa.

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## Notice-Dividend!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN,
MIDDLETOWN,
The Board of Directors have this day de
ared a dividend of TWO AND ONE HALF
PER CENT' for the last six months, payable
on and after Saturday, January 8th, 1898. G. D. KELLEY, Castier. 8 jan.3t Dividend Notice!

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
January 4th, 1888,
The Board of Directors have this day de-clared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE PER CENT, payable to the Stockholders on and after January 15th, 1898. JNO, S. CROUCH Cashier

Notice-Dividend! NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF ODESSA. January 5th. 18 The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE PER CENT payable on and after the 12th inst. JOS, L. GIBSON, Cashier



Ely's Cream Balm COLD IN HEAD Gives Relief af once opens and clenses the Nasal Passages, Alys Inflamation. Heals and Protects thembrane. Restores the Senses of Taste annell. Full Size 50c.; Trial Size 10c.; at Drug

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, N. Y 15 Women Wanted for trave ion with old established firm. Permanen Pays \$40 a month and all expenses. P. W. ZIEGLER & Co., 225 Locust st. Pa.

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Mill Feed of all kinds, Seeds, Coal, Etc. COAL COAL Agents for WM. LEA & SONS Co., in the PURCHASE OF GRAIN

Middletown Opera House,

Admission 10, 20 and 30c. Presents.

Election Notice!

tion for NINE DIRECTO Odessa Creamery Co., to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Creamery Building at 2 o'clock on TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1898. GEORGE L. TOWNSEND, Secretary.

## FOR SALE!

CHEAP, a well bred YOUNG HORSE.

J. C. PARKER. SUMMER with its long, warm and sultry days is fading away, and before us we see ap proaching shorter and colder days-

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To those who are unpreparedto shield themselves and their horses from the cold, we extend a cordial invitation to visit our new department—

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ng and many more at J. H. EMERSON'S, South Broad St., Middletown.

Morris Chairs, Clothes Poles, Fowel Racks, Lady's Slipper Chairs, Combination Book Cases. Ladies' Desks, Chamber Suits, Side Boards, Extension Tables, Children's Bureaus, Rockers of every description Corner Chairs, Parlor Suits, Mantel and Corner Cabinets, Down Sofa Pillow. Come Here for Useful, Pracical and Beautiful Holiday

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the National Hotel, in Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, ON FRIDAY,

THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1808.

THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1898.

at 9.30 o'clock a. m.,
the following described real estate, viz:
All that certain lot or piece of ground with
the appurtenancts, situate and lying in 8t.
Georges hundred aforesaid, bounded and
described as follows, to-wit:
Beginning at a stone on the north side of
the road leading from 8t, Georges to the Buck
Tavern, a corner for the heirs of the estate of
James C. How, deceased, and running thence
with said road south 69 degrees west 44 perches
and 32-1000 of a perch to a stone, a corner for
David Cummins; thence with said Cummins's
line north 28 degrees and ½ of a degree west
102 perches to the 8de of the Chesapeake and
Delawar. cannal; thence in an castwardly
direction binding on said cannal and cove
about 128 perches to a store said and are down
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about 128 perches to a store said and are
line south 13 degrees cast 7 perches and 44-100
of a perch to the place of beginning containing within said bounds 22 acres and 45 of an
acre of ground, be the same more or less.
Seized and taken in execution as the propeerty of Martha Bryan, widow, at d. William
Bryan, Cleaver Bryan and Miriam Bryan,
heirs at-law of Michael H. Bryan, deceased,
mortgagors, and to be sold by
WILLIAM R. FILINN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware,

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware December 29th, 1897.

S HERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A witt of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON FRIDAY,
THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1898,

THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, viz: All that certain lot or tract of land situate in the city of New Castle and State of Delaware aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of Eighth street, where the same is theresected by the southwest side of New Castle and State of Delaware to the said side of Eigh is street in a southwesterly direction 285 feet to the northeasterly side of Tremont street; tience by said side of Tremont street; tience by said side of Tremont street; in a horthwe terly direction 232 feet to the said side of the New Castle and Frenchtown turnpike road aforesaid, and theneo thereby in a southeasterly direction 22 feet to the said side of the New Castle and Frenchtown turnpike road aforesaid, and theneo thereby in a southeasterly direction 20 feet to the said afted of the xecution as the property of Thomas T. 1. Clark, administrator of William H. Clark, deceased, mortagor, and Marie B. Clark and Neille Clark, heirs of William H. Clark, and to be sold by WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff's Office, Willmington, Delaware, December 29th, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the hotel of James L. Dickinson, at Townsend, Appoquinimink hundred, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

Delaware,
ON SATURDAY,
THE 15th DAY OF JANUARY, 1808,
at 9,30 o'clock, a. m.,
the 'ollowing described real estate, viz:
All that certain farm tract or pareel of
land situate in Thoroughfare Neek, Blackbird
hundred, New Castle county and State ot
Delaware, on the road leading from Thoroughfare Neek to Smyrna and bounded as follows,
to-wit:

and said to contain 140 acres of land, more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Ann Wood, surviving mortgagor, and Ann Wood, administratrix of William Wood, deceased, mortgagor, and John F. Wood, Isabella Shugart, William Wallace Wood, Annio S. Wood, Hubert T. Wood, Donald Bruce Wood, George Newton Wood and James Huran Wood, children and heirsat-law of William Wood, deceased, and Daniel Fisher terre tenant, and to be sold by WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Willinington, Delaware, December 29th, 1837.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUD OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the National Hotel, at Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, ON FRIDAY,

THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1898,

THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1898, at 9.30 o'clock, a. m., the following described real estate, viz: All those two certain pieces or parcels of land hereinafter described as Nos. 1 and 2, with the phosphate factory and works, houses and other buildings thereon erected, situate in the town of Odessa, in the county of New Castle and State of Delaware, and more No. 1. Beginning at a stone standing by the side of the old road leading to the lower granary, where a wild cherry tree formerly stood, a corner for these premises, for lands now or formerly of William Polk and for lands now or formerly of William Polk and for lands now or formerly of William Polk and for lands now or formerly Dy, degrees cast is peroves to the lands south 20½ degrees cast is peroves to the safe creek north 82½ degrees east 22 20 perches; south 67 degrees east 79 20 perches; south 67 degrees ast 62-10 perches to the mouth of a gut about 2 porches north of the received with the safe with the perches to the mouth of a gut about 2 porches north of where the said lower granary formerly stood; thence, leaving the said creek, with lands now or formerly for the said Wills lands and over formerly for the said Wills lands and wor formerly of the said Wills and said wore granary formerly of the said Wills and said wore granary formerly of the said Wills and said wore granary formerly stood; the said Wills and said wore granary formerly of the said Wills and said wore granary formerly of the said Wills and said were granary formerly stood; the said Wills and said were granary formerly of the said Wills and said were granary formerly of the said Wills and said were granary formerly of the said Wills and said were granary formerly of the said Wills and said were granary forme

with lands now or formerly of the said Wil-liam Polk south 20½ degrees east 12 2-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 2 percent of the place of beginning, containing 2 percent of the same more of less, and being divided into two parcels by an artificial canal or channel cut through ame.
No. 2. Beginning at a stone in the north
ide of Appoquinimink creek and near the same.

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writ of Levari Facias to me directed will be exposed to public sale at the hotel of James L. Dickinson, Town end Appoquir-imink hundred, New Castle county. State of Delaware, OF FRIDAY,

of Delaware,

OF FRIDAY,

THE 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 1808.

at 10 o'clock a. m.

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain piece, pareel or tract o'fland situate in Appoquinimink hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, lying county and State of Delaware, lying county and State of Delaware, lying state of Delaware, lying county and county and county and county and degrees east 22 perches from a stone marked "W. D. 180." Set up in the south of a lane in a line of land of Benjamin McKay and William Clayton and perches; thence south by degrees ast 12 perches and 28-100 of a perch; thence north 13¢ degrees west 23 perches; thence north 15¢ degrees west 25 perches; thence north 25¢ degrees west 25 perches; thence north 25¢ degrees west 25¢ perches; thence north 25¢ degrees

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ON SATURDAY,
THE 22d DAY OF JANUARY, 1808,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,
the following described real estate, viz:
All that certain farm, plantation and parcel
of land situate in New Castle hundred, in
New Castle county and Castle hundred, in
New Castle county and Castle hundred, in
Red Lion to New Castle, adjoining lands of
william Cooper, Iam of George Z. Tybout,
lands of Barney Reybold, and other lands
and containing 153 acres, more or less.
Seized and taken in e- ceution as th- property of Jacob P. Dickson, and Esther B,
Dickson, his wife, mortagers, and t.vs and to
be sold by
WILLIAM B. FLINN, Sheriff,

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